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SUBJ: PRC MEDIA ON DEATH OF CHIANG KAI-SHEK

1. NCNA'S REPORT OF THE DEATH OF CHIANG KAI-SHEK VIEWS THE DEMISE OF THE /COMMON ENEMY OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE" AS A FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE FURTHERANCE OF TAIWAN'S PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION WITH THE MOTHERLAND.

2. THE BRIEF NCNA REPORT OF APRIL 6 STATED THAT CHIANG IN 1927 BETRAYED THE DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTION AND THUS HIS HANDS WERE "STAINED WITH THE BLOOD OF THE REVOLUTIONARY PEOPLE OF CHINA". HAVING FLED TO TAIWAN, CHIANG WAS ABLE TO PROLONG HIS RE-ACTIONARY REGIME WITH THE HELP OF US IMPERIALISM. HIS DEATH NOW ELIMIATES AN OBSTACLE FOR PATROTIC CHINESE ON TAIWAN, AND IS SPECIFFICALLY SAID TO ALLOW MILITARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL TO TAIWAN TO OBTAIN A "CLEARER VIEW OF THE SITUATION AND ACTIVELY CONTRIBUTE" TO THE REUNIFICATION OF TAIWAN WITH THE MOTHERLAND.

3. CITING THE KMT'S CNA RELEASE OF APRIL 5, NCNA ALSO RE-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PORTED THAT " PUPPET 'VICE-PRESIDENT", YEN CHIA-KAN,

SUCCEEDED TO THE PRESIDENCY , THUS ALLOWING FOR THE CHIANG
CLIQUE'S CONTINUED REACTIONARY RULE.

4. COMMENT: THIS TREATMENT OF CHIANG'S DEATH , WHICH WAS
ALSO FRONT-PAGED BY HONG KONG'S PRC-OWNED PRESS, IS CON-
SISTENT WITH MAJOR THEMES EXPRESSED AT THIS YEAR'S PEKING
COMMEMMORATION OF THE FEBRUARY 28 UPRISING , THE AMNESTY OF
KMT "WAR CRIMINALS, AND GENERAL PRC EMPHASIS ON " COMPATRIOT
TO COMPATRIOT" LINKS WHICH UNDERGIRD THE EVENTUAL PEACEFUL
REUNIFICATION OF TAIWAN WITH THE MAINLAND EFFORT.
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